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R. BRYAN AND THE PRESIDENCY

A number of prominent democrats have called on the editor during the last few days and requested that The Eagle advocate the nomination of William J. Bryan as the democratic candidate for president in the approaching campaign. If a nation-wide democratic presidential primary were held there is no room for doubt that Mr. Bryan would be the nominee by a large majority. But the fact that he is so strong with the people is an element of weakness with the politicians. They know that more money would be put up to defeat Bryan than could be used against any other man; and it might accomplish its purpose, as it has in each of his former campaigns. Knowing this as he does, there is doubt whether Mr. Bryan can be induced to consent to be a candidate again. But blind indeed is he who can not see that no man can be elected on the democratic ticket without his hearty approval.

Everybody is requested to read the card of Mr. L. M. Hewitt elsewhere in this paper. The editor of The Eagle feels that he was fully justified by the facts and circumstances for all that has been said in this paper in regard to the matters at issue, and has no apology or explanation to make, and no comment except that it is regrettable that Mr. Hewitt's statement was not made earlier. The facts, so far as it is possible to ascertain them, are now before the public, and each one can form or revise his opinion as to the merits of the case, always remembering that "charity thinketh no evil."

While medical science has not yet achieved a complete mastery of meningitis, it has greatly lessened its terrors. Time was when an attack was considered equivalent to a death sentence, but now medical men say about eight per cent recover. When confronted with a dangerous situation the main thing is not to lose your head, but to exercise both courage and caution. It behooves everybody to be careful of their health, to consult physicians upon the first indications of anything unusual in the physical condition.

The country people may rely upon it that if meningitis, or any other dreaded epidemic, should come to Bryan, The Eagle will not misrepresent the facts, in order to avoid injury to business. It is with perfect sincerity that the assurance is given now that if one is in reasonably good health and will exercise ordinary prudence there is no good reason to be alarmed. The editor of The Eagle has twice had opportunities to observe the disease, in its worst form at close range, and knows whereof he speaks.

The Houston Chronicle says: "The high financiers on the (Carnegie) pension fund board of trustees, who turned his (Governor Wilson's) application down, revealed their despicable littleness by making it public after Wilson had become a formidable candidate for the presidency." If there was no harm in the application, where was the harm in making it public?

Governor Woodrow Wilson, referring to the Joline letter in which he advocated knocking Bryan into a cocked hat, said: "Even if a man changes his mind it ought not to embarrass him." Certainly not, if one has good reason, as The Eagle had in the case of Governor Wilson.

The Herald says the shadow of the tax collector causes sorrow in Penuriose Palestine. Not so in Beattific and Bounteous Bryan, where taxpaying is a delight to all except a few tightwads who are tolerated only as frightful examples to warn the rising generation.

The only essential point of difference between a progressive democrat and a progressive republican is that the latter believes in "preserving the principle of protection," while the former is opposed to protectionism. This, however, is an important difference.

The one-sidedness of the Houston land show speakers' program justifies the suspicion that it is to be a political powwow in disguise. The star orators are Judson Harmon, O. B. Colquitt and Jake Wolters—all of whom are of the same ilk.

The temperature at Amarillo took a plunge from forty-five above to six below in a few hours. From the viewpoint of Balmy and Beattific Bryan, it looks like Amarillo is a good place to move away from.

Perhaps President Taft was so excited at his inauguration that he mistook the oath of office for a marriage vow and got the idea that it contained the phrase "till death do us part."

Some men are too doggedly stingy to pay their poll tax, and others are too confounded lazy. Which class do you belong to, you son-of-a-gun who haven't paid yours?

Colquitt's cotton convention has "gone glimmering like a dream of things that were, a schoolboy's tale, the wonder of an hour."

Convict Banker Morse, finding that he couldn't secure a pardon by threatening to die, is reported to be convalescent.

Several of Colonel Roosevelt's friends have said that he is not a candidate, but the colonel himself refuses to confirm the statement.

The doctors say measles is bad to put one in condition to take meningitis. This may be so, but hysteria is worse.

Card from Secretary Hewitt

To the Editor of The Bryan Eagle:
I was astonished tonight to read the editorial comment upon my article in today's Eagle, and especially the reference to the Brazos County Fair Association. So far as the Aero Club is concerned, that club held a meeting today and its statement was furnished The Eagle, but I am told it was too late for today's issue. That statement shows for itself how much "graft" there was, for anyone. Nearly all of the expenses going to The Eagle, it is the only one who can take that sting. As for the fair association, Mr. Gammill and myself are the most interested, as we have paid out over \$80.00 (the larger share to The Eagle) and have never received a dollar from any one except \$25.00 from Miss Marion

Foot for tickets sold and a donation from the Italian Agricultural Society of \$40.00, and Mr. Gammill and I were talking the matter over less than a month ago and we decided that we would personally pay this money back to these two sources, and I so notified each party. You can see from this that the "smell of graft" is still on the other side of the balance sheet so far as I am concerned.

I have always believed that a fair would have been of great benefit to Brazos county, but when the time came for pushing it, and for the raising of the funds, our merchants were simply snowed under with business and could not be got to. However, some came to the front, as they always do, and subscribed as follows: Parker-Astin Hardware Co. \$150.00 E. F. Parks 150.00 A. M. Waldrop & Co. 150.00 Bryan-College Interurban R. R. 150.00 Eagle Printing Co. 50.00 And a few ten-dollar subscriptions, all in the way of advertising space, but as the amount to be raised was not sufficient to furnish a fund to guarantee the payment of premiums neither Mr. Gammill nor myself felt justified in going any farther in the matter, and not one dollar of these subscriptions was ever asked for or collected.

I am sure that The Eagle has in some way been led into a misunderstanding of this matter or the unfair comment never would have been made. No statement has ever been asked for in any way, or refused, as all parties interested knew the exact situation. Respectfully,

L. M. HEWITT.
Bryan, Texas, Jan. 8, 1912.

OHIO CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION OPENS

Columbus, Ohio, Jan. 9.—The one hundred and nineteen delegates selected at the November election to frame a new constitution for the state of Ohio assembled today to organize in preparation for the important task before them. The preliminary work of the clerks and committees will occupy considerable time, and it will probably be the end of this month before the real business of the convention is taken up. It is expected that four or five months, perhaps more, will be required to complete the constitution.

Three big issues will occupy much of the attention of the convention. These are liquor legislation, taxation and the initiative and referendum. The last mentioned probably will be subjected to an even more severe fire than either of the other two owing to the feeling that has already been manifested by both sides.

A determined effort will be made to get the liquor question out of the way in advance of the other important matters that will come before the convention. The course that will be pursued in regard to the liquor question can not be forecasted accurately. When the constitutional delegates were elected in November there were few candidates who pledged themselves on either side, and in some counties the voters found it impossible to indicate their choice of delegate with the liquor issue in mind.

Wayne B. Wheeler, superintendent of the State Anti-Saloon League, asserts that the majority of the delegates favors the temperance cause. The majority, he asserts, will oppose any submission of the liquor question which will destroy existing temperance laws or take away from the general assembly its present power to prohibit the liquor traffic.

Sixty-one of the one hundred and nineteen delegates are pledged in writing for the initiative and referendum with the following percentages: Not more than 12 per cent of the electors for the submission of constitutional amendments; not more than 10 per cent for the submission of other initiative measures, and not more than 8 per cent for referendum petitions. Several of the delegates are pledged to the principles of the initiative and referendum without specific percentages.

The taxation problem promises to be a bothersome one for the convention to solve. Many students of the subject of taxation have been trying for years to provide for the classification of property for purposes of taxation. The matter came up during the last constitutional convention, and after extended discussion and many compromises it was left in substantially its old form.

Carnival Coming.
The Eagle was informed today that the Rice & Woods Alamo Shows would exhibit in this city all next week under the auspices of Protection Fire Engine Company No. 1. Under the contract the fire company will receive a liberal percentage of the receipts, and for this reason no doubt the shows will receive a liberal patronage. The carnival company will pitch its tents at the usual place near the Houston & Texas Central station.

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Suffragists Work for Cause.

Montclair, N. J., Jan. 9.—Society women of this fashionable suburb to the number of about two hundred have enlisted under the banner of "equal rights" and will hold a public meeting tonight. In order to raise money to maintain headquarters and bring prominent speakers here, many of the members of the league have engaged in tutoring, embroidering, cake mak-

ing and millinery, giving the proceeds of their toil to the cause.

THE AUSTIN NURSERY.

W. J. Patterson, salesman, is at the Glenn Hotel and carries a full line of shade trees, fruit trees and shrubbery. Call him up and give him your number and street.

BIDS WANTED.

To Contractors and Carpenters: Notice is hereby given that I will receive sealed bids up to January 13, 1912, for the improvement of the courthouse roof, according to plans and specifications now on file in the county clerk's office, reserving the right to reject any and all bids. All bids to be filed with county clerk. A. G. BOARD.

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